

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 9 as follows:

--Figure 2 illustrates a proposed implementation of instant messaging services in a mobile wireless communication system; ~~and~~--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 12 as follows:

--Figure 3 illustrates a proposed implementation of multimedia messaging services and instant messaging services in a mobile wireless communication system implemented in accordance with the present invention; and--

Please add the below paragraph on page 6, beginning at line 16:

--Figure 4 illustrates a SIP message with a header comprising a control portion implemented in accordance with certain embodiments of the present invention.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 24 as follows:

--In accordance with the present invention, as depicted in FIG. 4, a new header(s) and/or new value(s) are defined in the SIP message, which is used to indicate the type of message service. In dependence on the type of message service identified, the message is routed to the appropriate one of the MMS application or the IMS application.--